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If Retrograde, great heaviness proceeding from Accidents that shall befall Men, and that the same be prolonged, and durable, &c.

And because *Saturn* applies to a Trine of *Mars*, by his Retrograde Motion, who is posited in the 9th. near the Body of *Venus*, who rules the Mid-heaven: Therefore, I judge his Holiness feels himself begin to decline; yea, both he and his whole Dominions: For *Saturn's* long Transit through the Sign *Leo*, besides his Tripple Conjunction with *Jupiter* in the same, makes Him, and most of the *Italian* Princes, begin to look about them; and they find it the best of their Play, to make Friends with their Neighbour Nations; as *England*, *France*, *Germany*, *Polonia*, *Denmark*, *Palestine*, *Naples*, *Syria*, *Burgundy*, and many more Places, which are under the Sign *Aries*, as may be seen by *Saturn's* Application to the Trine of
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of *Mars*, in the foregoing Scheme. But all this will not do; for *Saturn's* Continuance almost Three Years in that Kingly Sign *Leo*, will shew its dire Effects to those Places under that Constellation, and its opposite Sign *Aquarius*. Therefore, *Turky*, *Italy*, and *Rome*, I forewarn you to prepare your selves to entertain Showers of Judgment: for as you have taken delight in spilling of Blood, so ere long you may live to drink it, &c.

Mars is Lord of the Year, by reason he surmounts all the rest of the Planets in Dignity, as having most Testimonies of strength. Wherein we have great cause to fear much Thunder and Lightning, burning of Houses, and the like. For *Carden* saith, If *Mars* be Lord of the Year, and posited in a Fiery Sign, great Heat follows, burning of Houses, with great Lightnings and Wars: And if *Mars* be Occidental, and have Meridinal Latitude, (saith a Learned Author) many Fears and Troubles shall fall upon Men; as also, Discords and Contentions, with Thunder and Lightnings: And yet because *Mars* is Powerful and Strong, and free from Affliction, he portends much Felicity and Prosperity to all Martial Persons in general. Soldiers will now be very successful, and per-

perform many notable Exploits, and overcome their Enemies, and gain good Esteem and Honour thereby, and that in those Countries subject to the Sign *Aries*; perhaps in *Germany*, *France*, *Burgundy*, and some other Countries not far remote, &c. But by reason *Mars* is posited in the 9th. he shews danger in travelling both by Sea and Land, as sudden Shipwrecks, occasioned by several Storms and Tempests: He also denotes Plundering of Ships by Piracy; and that the Men should be taken Captives; and those which adventure to the *East-Indies*; being *Mars* is in *Aries*, an Easterly Sign: *Mars* was in *Aries* at the *Sun*'s Ingress into *Aries*, 1682. What a prodigious Fire did there break out in *Wappen* suddenly after. But, I hope, no such thing this Year; for *Venus*, and the *Sun* beautifies the 9th. House, as much as *Mars* deforms it; and, I hope, tyes the Sword of *Mars* from doing much Damage, although he be powerful, and strong. But *Venus*, and the *Sun*, in the 9th. shews, that Men of Religious Orders should flight and remove from one House and Place to another: And, I think, this Judgment may very well be confirmed by the Position of that violent *Mars*; who is naturally an Enemy

Enemy to all Religion, and Religious Persons. In fine, I shall conclude, that many **Controversies** will arise in, by, froth, and through the Pretence of Religion, and Religious Matters: And this the more certain, because *Jupiter*, who is the Natural Significator thereof, is posited in *Virgo*, the Place of his Detriment, and there Retrograde: And because *Mercury* hastens to an Opposition of *Jupiter*, we may expect to find many underhand and pernicious Transactions agitated by the several Agents, Messengers, or Ambassadors of *Europe*, &c. *Mercury* in *Domus Mortis*, shews, that many Persons should suffer Loss in their Writings, or for want of Evidences, unhappily lost, or casually destroyed; and consequently, many Controversies and Law-suits fomented, and stirred up; by which means many Fatherless Children and Widdows may be wronged of their proper Rights; and that not only by Law, but by Bankrupts also, &c. *Mercury* is also the General Significator of Youth, or Persons of tender Years: Therefore it is an Argument of Mortality amongst the young and tender Branches, viz. Young Men, Maids, and Children, &c.

Now we come to consider the Positions

of the *Moon*, who is the general Significa-
tor of the Common People: Her She is
posited in the Mid-heaven, in her Exalta-
tion; and no ways impeded, but in Sex-
til of *Mercury*, and applying to a Trine of
Jupiter. Therefore, I judge, much of this
Evil impending, will be abated: For the
Antients tell us, That if the *Moon* be in the
10th, in her Exaltation, and no ways afflicted
in that Year, the People shall be in a good
and Prosperous Condition: should be be-
loved and honoured by their King and Supe-
riors; and that they shall be very Fortunate
and Happy, during the Revolution. But I
must tell you, by the way, That *Cancer* in
the Sixth, and *Saturn*, Lord thereof, in the
Ascendant, doth fore-shew strange and un-
wholsom Air: which may cause many pro-
digious Diseases both to Man and Beast: as
violent Afflictions at the Heart, weakness in
the Knees, pains in the Back, Melancholly,
Fears, and Grief, a Decay or Consumtion
in the Reins, and inward Parts; Corruption
of the Blood, Black Jaundice, Palsie, Vain
Fears, Gouts of all sorts, and many strange
unheard of Diseases and Distempers: I with
no Plague, &c. Neither shall we be free
from many open Enemies striving to oppose
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and disturb the Government, because *Saturn* is Lord of the Seventh: But let them know, that their Fate is so hard, that they will not be so happy as to accomplish their Designs, &c.

Agentes & Consentientes pari poena puniuntur:
The Doers & Consenters are punished alike.

In the next place, I shall give you an account of the Luminaries Eclipsed this Year; four times will the Heavenly Lamps be deprived of their glorious Light, viz. twice the *Sun*, and as often the *Moon*: The first will be an Eclipse of the *Sun*, which falls on the sixth Day of *January*, about six at Night Invisible: It falls in the last Face of *Capricorn*: It denotes Famine, and the tumultuary Motions of Princes. The Second Eclipse is of the *Moon*; and it falls on the 17th. Day of *June*, at three of the Clock in the Morning, in the first Face of *Capricorn*, and Visible. This denotes Suggestions among Men, and untimely Death or Mischief to some Illustrious and Noble Man. The Third will be an Eclipse of the *Sun*, on July the Second, about Three of the Clock Afternoon, Visible to us in *England*, and almost Total; for above two Thirds of the
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Sun's Body will be darkned from our Sight. It falls in the last Face of *Cancer*, and is made in the 9th. Angle: This denotes Seditions, Hydropical Diseases, and causeth Pestilent and Grievous Mortalities; also, Winds and Alterations of Weather, which much troubles the Air; it also drieth up Rivers and Fountains: Likewise, it denotes the Death of some Great Person or Ruler, with thundering Noises and Upstarts in and about Religion, &c. But for the general Judgment, see my Treatise of the Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*. The Fourth and last Defect, is of the *Moon*, and falls on the 11th. Day of *December*, at Eleven at Night, Visible, and very great: It happens in the first Face of *Cancer*. This causeth Wars and Inundations, or Over-flowing of the Sea-Banks; and that in *Holland*, *Scotland*, *Burgundy*, *Saxony*, *Granado*, *Zeland*, *Prussia*, *Hafia*, *Macedonia*, and many more Places, which are under the Signs *Cancer* and *Capricorn*, which are too tedious for me here to relate; but you may find them written in Mr. *Coley's Clavis Astrologia*, Pag. 91, 92.

The great Defect of the *Sun*, happens *July* the second, 2 Hours, 40 Minutes afternoon, at which time the last degree of

Leo culminates, and 13 Degrees of *Scorpion* ascends; the Eclipse it self is made in the 9th House, *Mars* and *Mercury* are sole Rulers thereof. *Mars* is stronger than *Mercury* by odds.

Mars being Lord of the Eclipse, corrupts the Air by Heat, breeds Pestilential Diseases, spoils the Fruits of the Earth, and disturbs the Sea by violent Winds and Shipwracks: and *Albumazar* saith, That if *Mercury* be joyned with *Mars* in signification, it signifies Pestilences, and other Epidemical Diseases by corruption of Blood. *Mercury* is here very unluckily tyed to the body of *Mars*, both of them being in our Summer *Solstice* a watry Sign, and the 9th. House of Heaven; which signifies terrible, hasty, furious Doings, violent, tempestuous, destructive, vehement Winds; the Sea will be so dangerous, Men can scarce pass it by reason of Shipwrack and Pyracry: And this is the more confirmed, because *Mars* is in square to his place in the Revolution, where he was in the 9th. House, as here he is now. If such things are likely to happen upon the Sea, judge you what the Land is like to suffer, when a couple of such thieving Planets are Lords of an Eclipse. Besides all this, the

The Earth suffers by Thunder & Lightning,
 vehement and violent Storms; also Inun-
 dations, or Over-flowing of the Sea-Banks;
 It inclines Men to the taking of such things,
 as is none of their own, &c. to pillaging,
 plundering, & seizing on Malignants Goods.
 It also inclines Men to Rapine, Theft, Ly-
 ing, Depopulation: It likewise procures a
 Rotteness, or Corruption in the Fruits,
 when they are gathered; occasioning Sur-
 seits and Sickneses to such as eat them; as
 Hydropical Diseases, which may cause pe-
 tulant and grievous Mortalities: It likewise
 fore-shews the Diseases of *France, Naples,*
Spain, England, and indeed all the World
 Let them as are inclined to Venery,
 have a care. Again, it fore shews Sea-fights,
 long and dangerous Navigations, with much
 Loss to the generous and industrious Mer-
 chants; and thundering Noises and Up-
 roars about Religion, as well at home as a-
 broad, and that by all sorts of People, from
 the highest to the lowest Degree; for so
 many Planets in the 9th. House, in Conjun-
 ction in *Cancer*, and all in Sextil to *Jupiter*,
 who is Exalted therein, can intimate no less
 than great and fierce Disputes about Reli-
 gion, and Religious Matters; Nay, the
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whole Body of Truth seems to be rent and torn asunder, and the several Limbs of it in small lots, and diminutive Parcels, are scattered up and down (as it were) upon the Face of the whole Earth; each Party, and Sect of Professors, grasping at some small Portion and Seed of Truth; and covering it under various Mixtures of their own, which many times do steal away the Heart from the Contemplation of Truth it self: most People eying only the Building which doth appear, and neglecting the Foundation which lies under Ground. But when the *Almighty*, by the Chymistry of his Spirit, shall gather up the Fragments of Truth from every the several Professions, (where it now lies scattered and divided, as aforesaid) into one entire Body and Lump, How Beautiful will it then appear, whilst every Party shall see its Hay and Stubble burnt up before their Eyes; and their Gold (whether little or much) purified, and added to the whole Mass; and themselves by this means no longer placing their Unity in outward Rites and Observations, but being united and reconciled in the Common Unity of the same Spirit, &c.

Therefore I hope now, the True Protestant
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wine will begin to weed out those Apostate Counterfeits amongst us, and disperse them to several Parts of the World: though it is impossible to lade the Sea dry; for some will remain still, and swear outward Conformity, &c.

Places subject to the Effects of this Eclipse, are Scotland, Granado, Burgundy, Holland, Zeland, Prussia, Numidia, Africa, Bethinia, Calchis, Carthage, Constantinople, Tunis, Venis, Genoa, Lucaspisa, Millain, Vincentia, Berne, England, France, Germany, Denmark, Austria, Alsatia, Livonia, York, St. Andrew's in Scotland, Lubeck, Magdeburg, Whittenburg, Gerlick, Macedonia, Illyria, Thracia, Bosnia, Albania, Oxford. Gaunt, India, &c.

So much from the great Eye of Heaven.]

Prognostications on JANUARY.

Inconsulti facile ruunt:

Unadvised Men quickly fall to ruine.

THE Year is ushered in with a Trine of *Jupiter*, and the *Sun*; but soon after we have an Opposition between those Malefactors, *viz.* *Saturn* and *Mars*; also an Eclipse of the *Sun* in *Capricorn*. Therefore I conceive, and that upon good grounds, this Month will produce many grand Consultations, hot Disputes betwixt the Souldiers and some Persons very Eminent, and Famous (or rather Infamous) Men, (I mean) that have long been loaded with Authority, but are now about to be eased of their Burthens: For some must expect to pay for their former Roguery; for the Heavens are to Justice bent: For we have no less than four Oppositions this Month; and opposite Aspects will have opposite Effects. If *God* divert not the Course of Nature, by his Merciful Providence, in or near this Month, most strange and wonderful Catastrophes will appear: Where Armies are near, great Slaughters of Men will be; where prepared Naval Forces are, there will be great Destruction of Men and Ships; where Towns or Cities are beleaguered, there will appear and actually be great Effusion of Blood in several Parts beyond the Seas, in those Countries subject to the Signs *Virgo* and *Pisces*; also much Heart-grudging betwixt the Martialist, and the Gown-Man; and in all probability, some Men found guilty of what is laid to their Charge: Also, unwe.com Intelligence to the
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generous and industrious Merchants of this Kingdom, &c.

Dubius rerum eventus.

The Weather.

Very hard Frosts at the Beginning hercof; but soon alters, and turns to Snow or Rain, with high Winds till about the Ninth Day; then expect it more Calm: yet very sharp and pinching Frosts about the Eirst Quarter, till about the Twenty-third Day; then expect it to be very blustering for sometime, viz. for six or seven Days; after which, it proves more calm to the Months End; but sufficiently Cold and Frosty.

Prognostications on FEBRUARY.

Si Deus nobiscum quis contra nos?

If God be for us, who can be against us?

I Might have very properly discoursed of the Oppositions of Jupiter, Mars, Saturn, and Mercury, in January's Prognostications; but for some Reasons occurring to me in the Manuscript, I thought it might not be altogether impertinent, to insert them where they are: and they manifest unto us Superlative Actions upon the Stage, and old Matters seem to be called in question: Informations, Impeachments, Accusations; and quid not, those that shall be found Guilty of Treason, must expect considerable Punishment, viz. Imprisonment, or Loss of Estate; nay, perhaps, Loss of Life also. But most of these Actions should appear beyond Sea, or in some Countries not far remote from England. Sudden Hopes, and we fear as sud-

den Alterations; for this Month is attended with variety of Configurations of the Planets, whose Influences and Operations may very well merit our Observations. The Opposition of *Venus*, and *Jupiter*, and *Saturn*, and the *Sun*, at the beginning hereof, doth presage strange Overtures in the Actions of Men, in several Countries abroad, as well as amongst our selves at home. Great Animosities in the Courts of Princes. Many discontented Spirits appear, disturbing the Magistracy of Kingdoms and Nations. Many loses their Offices or Employments; and some Woman found guilty of Inconstancy: And the Opposition of the *Sun* and *Jupiter* menaces some grave Magistrates, or Clergy-Men amongst us, (whether Bishops, or by any other Titles distinguished) with some very unhappy Casualty or Disaster; it may be, Death itself. In fine, the Month produces nothing, or very little of Good, but Contention amongst Grandees; with whole swarms of high ranting Pamphlets and Libels thrown about, dispersing the Seed of Treason. In This, and the next Month, *Mars* is in the Sign *Aries*; which causeth violent Pains in the Heads of People, insomuch that they are like to go stark mad; but for what, they know not.

The Weather.

Fine moderate Weather at the beginning of this Month, and may continue till about the 7th. or 8th. Day; then expect high blustering Winds with Rain, and much of it for four or five days; and then appears more calm, till about the 20th. day: After which we may expect very notable Weather, viz. both Wind and Rain, if not Snow; and so continues more

or less to the Months end : For opposite Aspect pre-
sage no less, than unreasonable Weather ; because of
the severall Apertio Partarums in this Month. &
hope, no Flood, &c.

Prognostications on MARCH.

Exurgat Deus, & dissipentur Inimici:

Let God arise, and his Enemies shall be scattered.

THE Configurations of the Planets, are for
the most part Benevolent this Month ; and
the Malevolent Oppositions of the Planets in the
Last, may influence notable Effects in This, and
Those which follow : For in many places Men are
in fear of Danger approaching ; but notwithstand-
ing, we have great hopes, there is but little grounds
for such Jealousies or Suspensions. Very notable
things may now be had in Consultation, in Eng-
land, France, Germany, Polonia, and Burgundy.
The Emperour of Germany seems very active, and
is no less successful ; and is very vigilant, in pre-
venting many Inconveniences he apprehends may
fall upon some of his Empires, through and by
the means of the Turks. A great Part of this Month
is spent in Counsels, and most Judicious Contriv-
ances, vigorously managed ; still tending to the
Reconciliation of Differences yet depending ; and
most Persons principally concerned, being almost
wearied out with long Expectations, seem willing
to agree with any reasonable Proposals. Saturn is
now Retrograde in Leo. The Turkish Emperour
may have cause to look about him ; so may the

Pepe of Rome also. The Souldiers will be apt to rebel in some Countreies under the Influence of *Aries*, perhaps in *France*, or some Countreies not far adjacent from them. The Opposition of *Mercury* and *Jupiter* from *Virgo* and *Pisces*, shews some Scribbling Author should be brought upon the Stage, for abusing Authority. *Mars* in the Sign *Aries* being War-like, adds Courage to the undaunted Natives of *England*: and because we have a *Sextile* and *Trine* between *Venus*, *Mercury*, and *Jupiter*, I judge happy Returns to the generous and industrious Merchants of this Kingdom: also very hopeful Intelligence from the Land of *Ireland*; and some Person belonging to the Long Robe, as highly advanced. And to conclude, the Month ends with hopeful Intelligence, by the Arrival of some Ambassador. *Tempus omnia Reulat.*

The Weather.

Moderate at the Beginning hereof, till about the third Day; then expect flying Clouds; with fine brisk Gales of Wind, and Rain, or Hail at the New Moon; But March doth not intend to play his part, till about the 22 or 23 Day; then expect both Wind and Rain, and that plentifully too. After which it becomes very pleasant, and so continues unto the end, without much Alteration.

Prognostications on APRIL.

Quod capita, tot sensus:

So many Men, so many minds, or so many opinions.

THE Configurations of the Planets this Month are many; from whence we may expect many

ny Disputes and Controversies to arise, and that chiefly from the Quartile of *Saturn* and *Mars* : for they by their evil Influence, will put forward many rash Actions, and set several hot-headed Persons a madding. *Mars* is in *Taurus*, the Ascendant of *Ireland*; I hope, no Rebellion there. Likewise, God preserve us from all Contagious Distempers, which at this time we may have just cause to fear. At the begining hereof, we have a Quartil of *Saturn* and *Venus*, which doth inform us of the great Indisposition of some Eminent Lady, that doth labour under some deep Melancholly, and discontent of Mind ; which may bring her Body to the Grave, and will be much lamented by most of her Friends and Relations. To conclude, the most part of this Month will be taken up with sober and deliberate Counsels, tending to the healing of Breaches, and composing of Differences to good Purpose. Many worthy and deserving Persons very highly advanced, as well the Gown-Man as the Martialist ; and this Work is prosecuted very effectually, to the honour of those Noble *Hero's*, that appear more than ordinary active.

Beatissimus civitas, qua a Sapientibus Regitur.

The Weather.

Now we may expect to see the Old Proverb made good ; for March borrows three days of April, and they are ill ; but quickly becomes very pleasant, with a shew of fine, pleasant, spreading, white Clouds, viz about the 15th. or 16th. day ; then expect fine moderate Showers of Rain or Hail ; and about the 25th. day, expect Thunder and Lightning, and very pleasant to the end of the Month.

*Prognostications on M. A. Y.**Ubi Dolor, ibi Digitus :**Where the Pain is, there the Finger is.*

MAny are the Configurations of the Superior Bodies, in this Month of *May*. *Mars*, the *Sun*, and *Mercury*, do all pass through the Sign *Gemini* ; and we have no less than five Quadruple Aspects between *Saturn*, *Jupiter*, *Mars*, the *Sun*, and *Mercury* : I wish, it portends no unhappy Casualty unto the worthy Inhabitants of the City of *London*, either by the Heats of Passion, or the private Interests of a Malicious Crew of Rascals, who pretend Religion and Conscience ; and yet neither fears *God*, nor honours their King. The Square of *Jupiter* and *Mars*, seems to aggravate the Danger ; and shews, that here are too many amongst us, who do condemn the Worthy and Honourable Clergy ; as may be seen by the Square of *Mercury*, *Mars*, and the *Sun*, to *Jupiter*. *God* preserve our Worthy and Famous City of *London*, with her numerous Inhabitants, from Fire, Plague, Pestilence, and other Calamities : For some Prudential People of *London*, fear an approaching general Disease amongst us ; and others find Molestation by tedious and troublesome Law-suits, which too many delight in. Also, many Difficulties arise in the Councils of Nations ; and many Persons are summon'd into the other World by Death, who is the King of Terroures. Therefore, hot Disputes between *France* and *Spain*, if I mistake not. *Mors est inevitabilis.*

The Weather.

This Month will be near to be very unseasonable ;

for so many Malevalent Aspects of the Planets from Earthly Signs; doth promise very cold Mornings, with sharp Frosts; which will be very unwelcome to the Husbandman: also, they promise Hail; Rain, and Wind, till about the 25th. day; but afterwards becomes very pleasant, and so lasts to the Months End.

Prognostications one JUNE.

Mala herba non perit:
An evil Weed dyeth not.

THis Month the two Malefactors, viz. Saturn and Mars, changes their Stations; Mars passes into the Sign Cancer, and Saturn into Virgo: and we have a Visible Eclipse of the Moon also, on the 17th. Day in Capricorn, near to an Opposition of Mars. Now the Ancients tells us, That Eclipses in Capricorn are the Fore-runners of Sterility of the Earth, and the tumultuary Motions of Princes, and that in those Places under the Signs Cancer and Capricorn. It likewise signifies, that some Great and Eminent Person shall depart this Life, in a terrible and deplorable Condition; and that Men shall be given to slander, and betray one another, and that under the Pretence and Species of Religion; because the Eclipse is made in the 9th. House of Heaven: and because it is made in the Exaltation of Mars, and near his Opposition, it will excite Mens Minds to quarrell, and new Attempts of War; with Treachery and Sedition. Holland be quiet, and meddle not with War; but, Necessity hath no Law. *Omne malum nascens facile opprimitur*, but every Evil

vil, at its first coming up, is easily suppressed. *Mars* is now in Conjunction with the *Sun* in *Gemini*: Heavens bless an Eminent Worthy of this World from all Dangers; and let the Hand of Providence be ever over the City of *London*, and her numerous Inhabitants; and let *Spain* seek out for a good *Physician*. Were it not in the Heat of *Summer*, we might expect the Appearance of another *Comet*, because of *Saturn* is leaving the Sign *Leo*; but because it is at this time, I shall say no more of it; yet strange Apparitions may be, if not Gapings of the Earth, &c.

The Weather.

Curious pleasant and seasonable Weather, at the beginning hereof, and may so continue till about the 7th. day; then expect it to be very tempestuous, viz. both Thunder and Lightning, if not Wind also; but afterwards it continues very pleasant, till Saturn and Mars change their Stations, and then becomes somewhat blustering, but continues not long. Expect Rain near the End.

Prognostications on JULY.

Seditiosis nunquam felicitas cessit:

It never went well with Seditious Men.

NOW the *Jesuites*, and *Jesuitical* Tribe stretch their Wits, even till they break them, to fight against the Decrees of Heaven; for so saith the late Tribble Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* in *Leo*. I hope now the *Romish* Party will begin to Repent, their being so cruel to those innocent and harmless

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Protestants: Therefore, let them know, that hard is their Fate; for here is a bitter Potion prepared for them. *Saturn* hath now left the Sign *Leo*, the Conjunction will begin to operate; and to be sure they will feel its dire Effects. Therefore, if the *Turks* doth enter some of their Territories, let them think of me. We have a notable Visible Eclipse of the *Sun* in *Cancer*, and *Mars* suddenly transits the Degree thereof; and so doth *Mercury* too. The Soldier is all for Plunder in some of the *Northern* Countries, viz. in those Countries under *Cancer* and *Capricorn*, *Virgo* and *Pisces*, *Aries* and *Libra*: But we in *England* are in a good and prosperous Condition; *God* continue it: but still plagued with whole swarms of Pamphlets and Libels, stuffing the Ears of People with strange things. To conclude, the Month produceth very notable Consultations, and that for the general Good. *God* give us Hearts to be thankful. *Jupiter* and *Mars* is now in Sextil. Oh brave Soldier, be of good Cheer, the Heavens have allotted a *Pharsalia* for thee; where thou shalt not lose, but gain. To conclude, much Good may be expected this Month; the *Lord* make us fit to receive it! The Sextil of *Mercury* and *Venus*, and *Mercury* and *Jupiter*, promise happy and prosperous Returns of our Merchants Ships.

The Weather.

The fourth day or thereabouts, we have a Conjunction of *Mars* and *Mercury* in *Cancer*, which portends both Hail, Rain, and Thunder, and that very considerable; but continues not long, but grows temperate, and so continues without much Alteration, to the end of the Month: yet we may expect it to be ve-

ry hot, if not Thunder-Storms in some Places about the Full Moon.

Prognostications on AUGUST.

Ubi quis dolet, ibidem & manum habet:

Where one feels, it smart, there he layeth his hand.

Very notable Consultations in several eminent Places of Europe, are held this Month, which is attended with no less than six Conjunctions of the Planets; but what those *Debates* and *Resolutions* are, will not be suddenly made publick; for they are *Matters* of very high Concernment, and will relate to those *Countries* under *Virgo* and *Pisces*, as *Portugal*, *Normandy*, *Greece*, *Carinthia*, *Babylon*, the Dukedom of *Athens*, *Gallia*, *Lyons*, *Paris*, and *Basil*. The Conjunction of the *Sun* with *Saturn*, shews that many aged Persons of high and low degree, make their *Exit*, and bid *Adieu* to *This World*; some by sudden Deaths, and some otherwise, perhaps by the Hand Justice; for several guilty Persons, who have lain dormant along time, now with heavy sorrowful Spirits, fear a fatal Discovery. Towards the latter end of the Month, *Mars* passeth the Degree of the Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*; which will produce very strange *Catastrophes* in *Italy* and *Rome*; as burning of Houses, Massacres, and Incursions of Armies, or at leastwise strange *Divisions* among *Themselves*. At the latter End of the Month, *Jupiter* passeth into *Libra*; which brings happy Tidings to the House of *Austria*: but our Young Men die apace; and

much

s about much Complaint amongst the common sort of People, for want of Trade and Moneys.

The Weather.

t: is hand Fine pleasant, seasonable Weather, at the beginning hereof, and may continue till about the 15th. day, without any considerable alteration; therefore, rejoice Farmer, at the sight of a brave Harvest; but after the 15th. day, expect considerable Alteration, viz. both Wind, Rain, and Thunder; and so continues more or less, to the end of Month: Therefore, Take Time whilst Time doth last;
For Time is no Time, when Time is past.

isces, as Babylon, ris, and Saturn Prognostications on SEPTEMBER.

Perturbato cordi nihil est jucundum.

Nothing is pleasant to a troubled Heart.

o v de to Thi other- al guil- g time, tal Dis- Month- tion on ce very burning- mies, of f low- fferth in e Hou- ce; an mud **V**enus is now with the Body of Saturn in Virgo. Some Eminent Person about this Time, is much afflicted with Melancholly, and in all probability, may return to the Rock from whence she was hewn: But this Conjunction of Saturn and Venus, doth not only concern one Woman but many; and, I fear, will cause them to shed Tears, instead of wearing Pearls. Now Mars passes the Ascendant, and the Place of Saturn in the Revolution. Mars was Lord of the 4th. and Saturn of the 6th. and 7th. The Great God of Heaven deliver us from Fires, and all Contagious Diseases, now and for ever more. The Heavens seem now to move toward an Accord; and when the Celestial Bodies agree, there is some hopes we should do the like.

like. *Jupiter* is now with the Body of the *Sun*, and *Saturn*, *Mars*, and *Venus*, are all in Sextile with *Mercury*. O Heavens ! now the Man of Learning is exalted, and had in great Request : and we have very rational hopes of Unity, or at leastwise a better Understanding amongst the People in general, than has been some few Years past, &c. *Mars* in Conjunction with *Venus*, shews some Eminent Lady in danger of a Stab, or questioned for her Honesty. About the 18th. or 19th. day, *Mars* passes the very Degree he was in, at the Time of the Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*; therefore, let all Places under the Sign *Virgo* look to it ; for he will stir up strange Divisions amongst them. I heartily wish, no Massacre there in this, or the succeeding Month, &c.

The Weather.

The Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Venus*, at the beginning hereof, doth promise very cold Rain ; but soon alters, and becomes more mild, till about the 16th. day ; then expect high Winds, but not very Cold, &c. Fine pleasant Weather now : for 6 or 7 days ; but then expect much Rain, viz. about the New Moon : yet the Month ends very seasonable, &c.

Prognostications on OCTOBER.

Concordia Ecclesia Regenda est:

The Church is to be governed by Concord.

THE ponderous Planet *Saturn* moves very swiftly forward in the Sign *Virgo* ; but is suddenly over-taken by *Mars*, who is not im-

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properly termed a *Tory* amongst the Stars : which Conjunction threatens *Babylon, Assyria, Gallia, Carinthia, the Dukedom of Athens, Mesopotamia, Hierusalem, Achaia, Greece, Creet, Lyons, Paris, and Basil*, with Mutinies, Tumults, Wars, Com-motions of Armies, Treacheries, Massacres, and strange Rebellion ; for *Mars* is a Stirrer up of Se-dition : Therefore causeth great Slaughter of Men, where there is frequent Motions of Arms. But I hope, that we in *England* continue in a good and p.rospe.ous Condition, and our Foundation rest firm and unshaken ; and that we enjoy both Peace and Quietness, though there be a continual Re-pining amongst the common and vulgar sort of People, for want of Trade, &c. Great are the Counsels and Consultations of this Month. God direct our Superiours, or Representatives, in the Management of those weighty Affairs that are now before them. In fine, Many Persons are very high-ly advanced, and some struck into as deep Melan-cholly of Mind : and some Eminent Lady makes her *Exit* towards the End

The Weather.

About the Third or Fourth Day, expect very tempestuous Weather ; for the Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* in *Virgo*, seems to aggravate the same, and may continue very wet and stabby, till the Ninth or Tenth Day ; and then appears more calm, till about the 22th. Day : at which time look for much more Rain, for Four or Five Days ; but afterwards it appears more mild, and so continues to the End.

Prognostications on NOVEMBER.

Tempore fiunt omina :

All Things are done in Time.

Mars now enters the Sign *Libra*, wherein he was at the time of the second and last Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, in *January* and *May* 1683. The *Austrian* Cedars begin to shake; neither doth it go well with *Alsatia*, *Livonia*, *Caspia*; and indeed, all those Places under *Libra*. The *Italian* Princes begin to decline, and *Germany* fears no less than Devastation; and *Polonia*, *Burgundy*, *France*, and *Denmark*, are much dissatisfied: But *England* stands upon a Rock, and her Foundation rests firm and unshaken. God so continue it to the End of the World. About the middle of the Month, we have a Conjunction of *Jupiter* and *Venus* in *Libra*; which may somewhat assuage the Malice of *Mars*: It also portends the Marriage of some worthy Lady amongst us; as also, the Preferment of some worthy deserving Person, belonging either to the Ecclesiastical or Legal Function. Many are the Consultations in this Month of *November*, and that for the general Good. The *Sun* labours to unite *Mars* and *Jupiter*; but *Saturn* destroys their Hopes. He that is an Artist, knows what I mean. *Mars*, pursues the Body of *Jupiter* in the Eallance.

The Weather.

Fine pleasant Weather at the beginning hereof, Consideration being had to the Season of the Year, and may continue for the most part, viz. till about the

the 26th. or 27th. Day, without any considerable Alteration; perhaps now and then some small Gales of Wind, and gentle Showers of Rain; but about the 27th. Day, expect some notable Alteration, with Wind or Rain; but ends pleasant..

Prognostications on D E C E M B E R.

Difficillimum vincere Naturum :

It is a very hard thing to conquer Nature.

MAny are the Configurations of the Planets, in this Month of *D e c e m b e r*; and amongst the rest, we ought to take particular Notice of the Conjunction of *Mars* and *Jupiter*, in the Celestial Ballance at the beginning hereof. All Men that are but meanly versed in the Art of *Astrology*, knows, that *Jupiter* principally signifies all things concerning Religion, the more Pure and Orthodox Principals thereof, relating to Church-Discipline, or the Worship of *God*: and *Mars* signifies all Martial and Military Affairs, Wars, Commotions, Insurrections, Massacres, Persecutions, and Murthers, Firing of Houses, Cities, and Towns, Theft, Rapine, and all manner of Tyranny, Oppression, and Villany. Therefore, what shall we judge from this Conjunction, but some such unhappy Disaster to happen in those Countries under *Libra*; yea, many Contentions to happen amongst those which are of the highest Degree and Quality. *Mercury* is both their Counsels; but he will deceive one in the end; and the *Sun* will aggravate the Danger. But how happy are we, if we could but think our

se'ves so? And many Persons, according to their Merits, are as high'y advanced; and our Merchants have very Prosperous Returns. And so God save the KING. Amen.

The Weather.

This Month begins very turbulent, and will produce either Snow or Rain, about the 4th, 5th. or 6th. Days; but suddenly becomes more temperate: yet very cold Mornings, and sharp Frosts now and then, between whiles, till the 19th. Day; then expect Rain or Snow; but no great quantity, yet Winter-like Weather: But from the 21st. to the 26th. Day, it proves very moderate; after which expect notable turbulent Weather to the End.

Reader,

W Hereas there is lately come into the World a Pamphlet by one T. T. and is entituled, *Modest Observations concerning the great Frost, &c.* wherein he saith, None of our *Astrologers* did foresee any such thing. Now although it is not Modesty in me, for to give him the Lie; yet if I should, he may take it for his Pains: Witness these following Persons, whom I told of it long before it happened. But if any one hath a Desire to know what manner of Person he is, let them repair to Mr. John Garbury, who is able to give an Account of him. And farther, let T. T. know, that he is not worthy to carry the Books after our Annual Writers: Therefore, let him not condemn their Judgments in this, or the like Case; for indeed, he

he hath reason to say, (and that a great deal too)
That *there is something in Astrology, &c.*

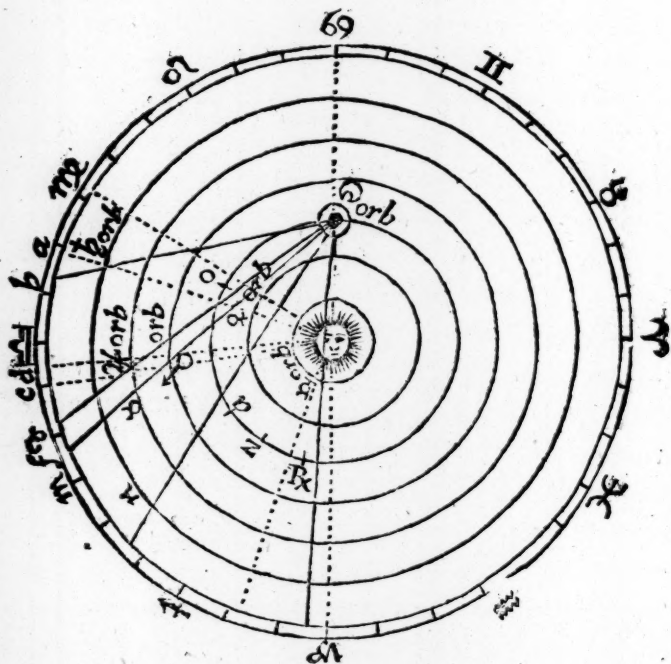
But for his, or any other's further satisfaction, let them enquire of Mr. *Thomas Ledsom*, at the Bell in *Cannon-Street*, Plummer; Mr. *John King*, at the Naggs-head in *Fulham*; *John Douffiy* and *William Botley* of *Battersea*; *Philip Mayle* and *William Appley* at the Neat Houses; Mr. *Watts* and Mr. *Totter* of *Chelfey*; *John Jones* of *Putney*; and several of the Water-men at *Fulham*, *Putney*, and *Chelfey*: I say, All these are able to satisfie the World, That I told them almost half a Year before the *Frost* began, That the River of *Thames* would be frozen over before *New-Years-Day*, and would stand for a considerable Time, viz. till *Candlemass*, or thereabouts.

Besides, in the Copy of my *Almanack* which was wrote for the Year 1683. in the Month of *December*, was these Prognostications of the Weather:

Remifs of Cold begins this Month, with many dark flying Clouds, producing Wind and Snow, and now and then a small Frost; but continues not long, and so turns to Rain and Wind: After which follows sharp Frosts, and keen Ayre; for Saturn in Virgo produceth a sharp Month. What if the River of Thames be Frozen over, ere this Month ends, &c?

The afore-said Copy is to be seen at the Publisher's hereof.

A true Systeme of the Visible World, explained according to Copurnicus, December the 11th. 1684.



A According to the fore-going Systeme, the *Sun* is the Center of the Lower World, which, without doubt, is the Point and Place of his Situation; and above the *Sun*, in the first Orb next the Center, is placed *Mercury*; who accomplisheth his Revolutions, through the 12 Signs of the *Zodiack*, in 88 days. *Venus* moves in the next Sphere, and finisheth her Course through the *Zodiack* Signs, in 225 days. In the next Sphere is the *Earth*, who makes her Course about the Body of the *Sun*, in a Year. About the Body of the

Earth, is the Sphere of the *Moon* ; who performs her Course in a Month Next above the *Earth*, wheels *Mars* ; who performs his Perambulation in two Years, and no less, because his Orb is much larger than the *Earth*. The next is the Sphere of *Jupiter* ; who performs his Revolution in twelve Years. And lastly, in the highest Orb of all, is old *Saturn* ; who makes his Progress through the *Zodiack*, but once in sixty Years.

Dear Country-Men : I having taken this short Survey of the Planetary spheres, and ascended from the Center to the Circumference ; am now at a stand, to behold the vast Distance of the fixed Stars ; which is so exceeding far, that they are altogether void of Parallax of the Annual Orb. Therefore it is beyond the Capacity of Man, to obtain their Distance exactly, &c.

My present Task in hand is to prove, That the *Earth* moves about the *Sun*, and not the *Sun* round the *Earth* : Therefore, I shall have recourse to the former Figure or System of the World, wherein the great outward Circle represents the *Zodiack*, or *Eight Sphere*, in which the 12 Signs are placed according to their Natural Order : and that I may the better explain the Figure, I have placed the Planets both Heliocentrical, and Geocentrical to the Meridian of the 11th Day of December, 1684. Whereof the former is noted with a prickt Line, being directed from the *Sun* ; but the latter (which is the true Place from the *Earth*) with a Black Line ; both of them passing through the Body of the Planet, to the *Zodiack* ; and the Angle made at the Planet, by the Intersection of the said Lines, is called the *Parallax* of the Annual Orb : which Angle, as it increaseth or decreaseth, in respect of the mutual Position of the Planet, and the *Earth*, their separation one from another, or applying one to the other, is the sole reason, that the Planets are both Direct, Retrograde, and Stationary ; sometimes near the *Earth*, and sometimes far distant, as here in this Figure. The true place of old *Saturn* from the *Sun* represented by the prickt Line *h A*, falls in 12 deg 30 min. *nx* ; but his true place in the *Zodiack*, as we behold it at the *Earth* is 17 deg. 9 min. of the same Sign, as it is shewed by the Line *Earth h b* ; so that the Angle *Earth h o* (is equal to the Angle *A h b*) and is 4 deg. 38 min.

38 min. which is the *Parallax* of the *Earths Orb*; and makes the *Planet* appear farther in the *Zodiack*, at the *Earth*, than at the *Sun*; and that you may know whether *Saturn* be *Direct* or *Retrograde*, we see it plainly by *Inspection* with our *Eyes*; for the *Earth* moving swifter towards α , than *Saturn* doth towards η , it follows, that he is now *Stationary* to *Retrogradation*, and his *Place* will appear more backward in the *Zodiack*, till the *Earth* cometh to α , which will be the *Third* of *May*: on which day, *Saturn* becomes *Direct*, after some few days being *Stationary*, as you may perceive by the *Scheme*.

In *Jupiter's Orb* you may observe, that his true *Place* from the *Sun* at c , is 12 deg. 10 min. of \cap : but his true *Place* from the *Earth* at D , is 19 deg. 50 min. of the same Sign, whereby the Angle $c \ 4 \ D$, which is equal to the Angle *Earth* $\cap \ \odot$ is 7 deg. 40 min. And because the *Earth* moves swifter towards \odot , than *Jupiter* doth towards γ , the *Line* drawn through the *Body* of *Jupiter*, will make him appear every *Day* further and further in the *Zodiack*, until such time as the *Earth* comes to \odot : at which time he will seem *Stationary* for two or three days: and then will be apparently *Retrograde*, until such time as the *Earth* comes to R ; as you may see by observing their *Motions* upon the *Figure*. Also, if you look upon *Mars*, you shall find his *Place* from the *Sun* to be 6 deg. 35 min. of \cap : but if you take his *Place* from the *Earth*, it will be 24 deg. 11 min. of the same Sign; and you may see also by the *Figure*, it is not long since he was with the *Body* of *Jupiter*, and in *Sextile* of *Mercury*. He hath been *Direct* a long time, and will continue till the *Earth* comes to α : then he comes *Retrograde*, and will appear of a greater *Magnitude* than ordinary, because he will be nearer the *Earth*. Let any *Man* observe the *Time*, and he shall find it most certainly true: If *Mars* be above the *Earth*, as I am sure he will, the *Time* is *April* the 15th. 1635. In a word, *Venus* and *Mercury* are also both *Direct*: *Mercury* is near the *Body* of the *Sun*, *Venus* is in the *Sextile* to *Saturn*, and the *Moon* goes to an *Opposition* of *Mercury*, and an *Opposition* of the *Sun*. She will be in *Opposition* of the *Sun*, *December* the 12th, about eleven at *Night*: at which time

the will be almost totally Eclipsed, and that by the Interposition of the gross Body of the Earth between the Bodies of the Sun and Moon, as may be seen by the Figure at large, &c.

*Kind Readers, tell me where I have erred in This,
And I'll correct and mend what's done amiss.*

*Let's pray for our Dread Sovereign's Life each Day and Hour,
That He may still with us remain, and Rule in Power :
Until which Time the King of Kings Him shall remove
From this Lower Orb, into his Throne above.*

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FINIS.

Merlini Anglici Ephemeris,

Or Astrological Judgments for the year 1670.

By WILLIAM LILLY Student in Astrology.

*O mentis tranquilla quies : salвете beati
Ruris opes : salve terra habitata Diis.*



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TO THE READER.

WE have the rather put our pen to paper, and composed some animadversions upon the late furious Eruption of Mount *Ætna* in Sicily, because it was in it self and various motion so horrible and stupendious, so miraculous and extraordinary, so violent and harmful, so preposterous all along its whole continuance, as no History extant reports the like in any former times; we are fully convinced, nor is our persuasion grounded herein, but with the consent or full agreement of many learned men, that such prodigious or monstrous appearances are not produced to that height of Miracle, without the order and disposal of the all-seeing providence, partly to admonish or forewarn all mankind, but more particularly that People or Nation where they so appear, of some more then usual attendencies to be either incumbent or near approaching: And that we may not produce examples of former times, we do remember very well, that in June, 1644. some few days before that fatal battel at Marston Moor, in the time of our late differences, there hapned such a prodigious Thunder and Lightning, such a monstrous and large Hiatus, as the like is not mentioned in any History of the English Nation; that Hiatus appeared of great extent both in length and breadth; the whole face of Heaven seemed to be in fight, men armed fighting one against another, with Spears, Launces, Darts, Fire-balls very apparently, the Thunder cracked very gently, rather like the quiet beating or sound of Drums then otherwise; the lightning was as strange, and in their motion both Lightning and Thunder directed their course from the East, where it began, to the South; then to the West, and ended in the North. We have lived to see the sad consequences which besel England, and for many years after that fatal Prodigy; yet we do not affirm, that every Thun-

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der hath its *Presage* or *Lightning*, or ordinary appearance in the *Heavens* ; but when they happen beyond our expectation, and are so monstrous in appearance, so terrible, so obnoxious, doubtless they then seem framed and emitted from more than any natural cause, and are fore-runners of more than ordinary Accidents to ensue ; which though time doth best and most apparently manifest, yet we may inoffensively make some natural expositions or animadversions what may probably succeed from such unaccustomed Prodigies—and this is our present intention.

As for our *Astrological* judgment upon the present King of Poland his Election, it is modest, and grounded as far as we could have any light or direction from the Rules of the Ancient Arabians, who (nevertheless) in this kind of Judicature have committed unto posterity very slender considerations, but no Method.

Elections of Kings are not in our times frequent, most Kings of Europe succeeding by Inheritance : Posterity, if studious in what we have delivered, may determine better of such like Elections.

Of the length of his Raig, we have not mentioned any thing, lest we might give offence, but it's probable his time of Government may be of many years continuance.

When we seriously consider the voluntary resignation of the late Heroick Queen of Sweden, her Crown and Dignities, and the like willing action of the late King of Poland ; the Confinement of the present King of Portugal, we cannot but conjecture there remains somewhat behind not as yet Acted ; many more than ordinary vicissitudes in this present Macrocosm, of which, these not frequent Courses, the dreadful late Comets, and Prodigies are only preparatives for greater concerns yet behind, and within few years may be expected, and produced unto Maturity.

Walton upon Thames

September 6.

1669.

William Lilly.

Astrological



Astrological Judgments

For the Year, 1670.

By William Lilly Student in Astrology.

THE most Learned Philosophers of all Ages, have generally and unanimously consented, that, *Terra motus, mali ominis habetur*: that an Earthquake is look'd upon as an evil Pre-
sage; by how much the more violent in Motion and Action, so much and the greater may the effects depending from thence be expected: which occasioned the sharp-witted *Cardan*, to express his sence of or concerning great Earthquakes, in this manner.

stultum est, magnos effectus absq; magnis causis fieri posse credere, & si magnæ sunt causæ, etiam ab his inter homines effectus provenientes, viz. It were ridiculous to believe that great effects could be expected but from great causes; if the causes be great, then will succeed or appear amongst men great effects.

The consideration hereof, and of that strange and prodigious Earthquake, accompanied with so great variety of matter and unusual horrible objects, which lately, viz. 8 Martii, New style, hapned in *Sicily* near the City *Catania*, proceeding from Mount *Ætna*, hath occasioned this present discourse and further inquiry, what Accidents may succeed or be pursuant unto this

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Catastrophe; which labour we would not have been drawn unto, had this Earthquake been such as former ages had mentioned; but being so different to all that have preceded, both for its violent Eruption, its motion, continuance, quality of matter, and terrible circumstances, &c. we thought it might be worth our pains to make some few Animadversions thereupon: A true and exact Relation whereof was transmitted unto his Majesty, from the Right Honourable the Earl of *Winchelsea*, lately returned into *England* from those parts, being an Eye-witness of some part of that Prodigy; of whose Relation we have transcribed a small Abstract, or so much as may concern our discourse, as followeth, viz.

The 8. of *March* New Style, 1669. in the night, there hapned a terrible Earthquake in the parts near and in the City *Catania*, and the whole Countrey thereabouts, so frightening the adjacent Inhabitants, that they were forced to forsake their Habitations in a miserable condition.

That the 11. of *March*, about 10 at night, three terrible Eruptions followed at a little distance one from another, which with a Terrible Noise threw up their flames with violence one hundred yards in height, cracking like peals of Ordnance or Thunder, throwing out vast stones, some of them three hundred pounds in weight, and fell several miles distant from the place, the whole Air being filled with Smoak and burning Cinders.——

In the mean time, issued from the side of this Mountain *Ætna*, or Mount *Gibello*, a vast Torrent of melted and burning Matter, which drowned as in a flood of fire the Country on this side of it.——

This Fiery Deluge spread it self immediately to about six miles in breadth, seeming to be of the colour of melted Glass, but as it cools becomes hard and rocky, and every where in its passage leaves hills of that matter behind it.

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That the 13. day of *March*, it destroyed and ruined many Towns.

The 14. much Rain fell, but the progress of the fire did not abate; it continued many days after, as any may please to read in that discourse, called—
A True and Exact Relation of the late Prodigious Earthquake of Mount Aetna; Wherein he shall find almost twenty Towns and Villages consumed, with other deplorable Accidents. So admirable and such grand Prodigies seldom or never happen, but are accompanied, or presently followed with answerable or conformable Attendants; for although in some Countries Earthquakes are more frequent, yet are they less in quantity of time, less in motion, and many times not much destructive to those parts wherein they happen. We do not read in any History, either of many, or any that were parallel unto this, which was attended with so various, so stupendious, so horrible imminent calamities.

True it is, that *Suidas*, Lib. 15. Traç. 14. saith, *Præter incredibilem Eclipsin, fuisse tam ingentem terræ motum ut infinita ædificia Asia, & Bithiniæ prosterneantur*. Besides a wonderful Eclipse, there was also so great an Earthquake, insomuch that very many buildings in *Asia* and *Bithinia* were subverted; yet we do not read, that Earthquake was attended either with fire, or the other attendants mentioned.

Nicephorus, in Lib. 1. Cap. 17. nameth 14 Cities destroyed at that time, unto which *Pliny*, Lib. 2. Cap. 84. answereth, *Maximus terræ motus memoria mortalium extitit Tiberii Cæsaris principatu, duodecim urbibus Asiæ prostratis*. The greatest Earthquake which hapned in the memory of mortal men, was under the Rule of *Tiberius Cæsar*, twelve Cities of *Asia* being then overthrown.

But we wave the History of Earthquakes, preceding this we now treat of, and proceed.

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Some affirm the natural cause of an Earthquake, is, from the violence of winds and breathing holes in Caves, which shut up in the passages of the Earth, prohibited from issuing forth, until they can wind themselves from thence with great force, endeavouring to procure a passage, whereby they may get out, and thereby at that time move the Earth with a most forceable shaking or trembling; the force of which is so violent, that many times it produces wonders, levelling Mountains, and exalting Vallies; sometimes making Rivers where none were before, and turning the streams of Rivers contrary to their former courses or Currents.

Mount *Atna*, from whence proceeded this Earthquake, is in *Sicily*, an Island by some Authors conceived to have been separated from *Italy*; it is now, and hath been many years subject unto the *Spanish* Monarchy, and is at present governed by a Vice-Roy of the *Spanish* King. The Mountain it self hath continued burning and casting forth his Fiery Flames, and other Sulphureous matter, beyond any History extant; sometimes doing more, at other times less damage unto the Inhabitants near unto the Mountain, as it is excellently observed by that honourable Person in his Relation thereof; however, it hath been generally observed, that once in or about 15 years it hath usually broken forth, & been then more offensive then at other times; but not any History that we have yet seen, relates of so great mischief ever formerly acted, as this of *March* last, 1669.

Naturalists do generally affirm, that the Physical cause of Earthquakes, is, in signification of future Events; the cause of which Events doth in some measure depend from thence. *Cardanus*, de rerum varietat. Pag. 704. tells you what events may succeed; *Terra motus magni, bellum aut pestem nunciant, vel tyrannicam oppressionem*; great Earthquakes do manifest War or Petulance, or Tyrannical Oppression. *Terra motus sunt nuntii*

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nuntii seditionum & tumultuum bellicarum. Goclenius, fol. 362. Earthquakes are the fore-runners of seditions and warlike Tumults; and this may well be, because the minds of men are easily affected from the temperateness or intemperateness of the Air, which produceth great mutations from Earthquakes; for as the shadow certainly follows the body, so the minds and dispositions of men follow Earthquakes: and it hath been many times observed that dear years follow Earthquakes. They usually portend inundations of Water, and particular Cataclysms, viz. Great Rains, or sudden Floods, or more then ordinary in some Countries: unto which opinion the great Aristotle consents; *Exhalatio magna vi egesta, simul effundit quicquid est aquarum.* A great exhalation being cast out of the Earth by force, together therewith casts out whatsoever there is of water, or the watery Elements. But let us come closer to the Philosophy of Christians, who do affirm, *Finis terræ motuum est denuntiatio iræ, & vindictæ divinæ*; the end of Earthquakes is, the manifestation of wrath, and the divine vengeance or punishment: For it is said in holy writ, 2 Sam. Cap. 22. *Commota est enim terra & contremuit, quoniam iratus est ipsis Dominus, viz.* The Earth did move and tremble, because God was angry with the people.

Unto this judgment many Learned Divines consent, and say, that Comets and Earthquakes are signs given by God unto men, that they might be converted from their sins, and not follow *Pharaohs* example, who the more signs he saw, the more his heart was hardned.

Acacitate cordis libera nos Domine, & ab ira tua salva nos Deus piissime; from blindness of heart free us O Lord, and from thine anger most gracious God deliver us. And *Majolus Colloq. 1.* delivers himself thus, and sodo many others; that an Earthquake is the messenger of Gods wrath; and produceth examples to verifie his assertion, viz. that *Uzziah, ingressus templum sacer-*
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